

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 664

Introduced by Senator Hertzberg

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section ~~420~~ 10540 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 664, as amended, Hertzberg. Water: ~~Department of Water Resources~~. *integrated regional water management planning.*

Existing law, the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, authorizes a regional water management group to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan. The act requires an integrated regional water management plan to address specified water quality and water supply matters.

This bill would require an integrated regional water management plan to additionally address identification and consideration of the seismic vulnerability of water infrastructure within the boundaries of the plan.

~~Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources, which is under the control of the Director of Water Resources. Existing law provides for the appointment of the director by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 10540 of the Water Code is amended to*
2 *read:*

3 10540. (a) A regional water management group may prepare
4 and adopt an integrated regional water management plan in
5 accordance with this part.

6 (b) A regional water management group may coordinate its
7 planning activities to address or incorporate all or part of any of
8 the following actions of its members into its plan:

9 (1) Groundwater management planning pursuant to Part 2.75
10 (commencing with Section 10750) or other specific groundwater
11 management authority.

12 (2) Urban water management planning pursuant to Part 2.6
13 (commencing with Section 10610).

14 (3) The preparation of a water supply assessment required
15 pursuant to Part 2.10 (commencing with Section 10910).

16 (4) Agricultural water management planning pursuant to Part
17 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800).

18 (5) City and county general planning pursuant to Section 65350
19 of the Government Code.

20 (6) Stormwater resource planning that is undertaken pursuant
21 to Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 10560).

22 (7) Other water resource management planning, including flood
23 protection, watershed management planning, and multipurpose
24 program planning.

25 (c) At a minimum, all plans shall address all of the following:

26 (1) Protection and improvement of water supply reliability,
27 including identification of feasible agricultural and urban water
28 use efficiency strategies.

29 (2) Identification and consideration of the drinking water quality
30 of communities within the area of the plan.

31 (3) Protection and improvement of water quality within the area
32 of the plan, consistent with the relevant basin plan.

33 (4) Identification of any significant threats to groundwater
34 resources from overdrafting.

35 (5) Protection, restoration, and improvement of stewardship of
36 aquatic, riparian, and watershed resources within the region.

37 (6) Protection of groundwater resources from contamination.

1 (7) Identification and consideration of the water-related needs
2 of disadvantaged communities in the area within the boundaries
3 of the plan.

4 (8) *Identification and consideration of the seismic vulnerability*
5 *of water infrastructure within the boundaries of the plan.*

6 (d) This section does not obligate a local agency to fund the
7 implementation of any project or program.

8 ~~SECTION 1. Section 120 of the Water Code is amended to~~
9 ~~read:~~

10 ~~120. (a) There is in the Natural Resources Agency the~~
11 ~~Department of Water Resources, which is under the control of an~~
12 ~~executive officer known as the Director of Water Resources.~~

13 ~~(b) The director is appointed by the Governor, and holds office~~
14 ~~at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the director~~
15 ~~is subject to confirmation by the Senate at the next regular or~~
16 ~~special session of the Legislature, and the refusal or failure of the~~
17 ~~Senate to confirm the appointment shall create a vacancy in the~~
18 ~~office.~~

19 ~~(c) The director shall receive an annual salary as provided for~~
20 ~~by Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 11550) of Part 1 of~~
21 ~~Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~